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INVENTION: METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING DATA TO MEMBERS
OF AN OPERATOR SERVICE

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Sir:

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20 U.S.C. §371 as follows:

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SPECIFICATION

25 TITLE OF THE INVENTION

METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING DATA TO
MEMBERS OF AN OPERATOR SERVICE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a method for managing operators of a
30 telecommunications network which are members of an operator service; the
telecommunications network having switching offices and after an operator has